

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, between the Title and the first paragraph, insert the following new paragraph:

**-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is a National Stage entry of International Application Number PCT/ES2003/000219, filed May 16, 2003. The disclosure of the prior application is hereby incorporated herein in its entirety by reference. --

After page 10, insert the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

**ABSTRACT**

The invention relates to stone sawing without acute noise. Acute noise, which is produced by the direct friction between the metal bands and the stones, reaches levels greater than 90 db at a distance of 1.5 m between said bands and the measuring apparatus. By increasing the concentration of grit in the sludge and reducing the size of same, the concentration of grit particles can be sufficiently increased such that the bands do not rub against the stone and the annoying noise disappears, enabling an increased feed.